

- I.      Claims 1-20, drawn to articles of isocyanate functional polymers; and
- II.     Claim 21, drawn to diketene acetal functional polymer.

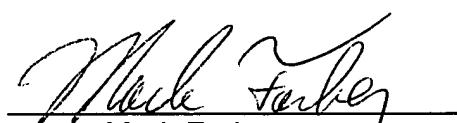
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute claims 1-20.

Despite the provisional election, applicants traverse the restriction requirement. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner should reconsider the restriction requirement in view of the fact that the separate classification of the subject matter under the classification system of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is not conclusive proof of divisibility and further that under M.P.E.P. §803 the entire application must be examined as a whole when there would not be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction were not required. The fields of search are believed to be co-extensive for the two groups identified by the Examiner.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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